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News Briefs

NCOA grad

Congratulations to **Tech. Sgt. Joleo Dianala**, 469th Air Base Group Services Flight, who graduated from the Kisling NCO Academy Class 2004-3 Feb. 12.

ALS grad

Congratulations to **Senior Airman Bryan Driscoll**, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight, who graduated from the Ramstein Airman Leadership School Class 2004-3 Feb. 13.

Postal hours

The Rhein-Main Post Office is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays on a trial basis.

The finance window is also open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday, except Thursday when it closes at 3 p.m. for training.

The parcel pick-up window is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The post office is always looking for volunteers in the morning hours. To find out more, call 330-6384.

Survey says

Members of Team Rhein-Main can complete TKS (phone/cable TV/Internet service provider) customer satisfaction surveys through Feb. 27 by accessing <https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/tks> or using the link located on the U.S. Air Forces in Europe FirstLook Portal at <https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/>.

The survey should take less than five minutes to complete and may lead to improved customer service. The survey will not be available after the deadline.



Photo by Master Sgt. John Lasky

Staff Sgt. Wayne Morcum, a combat arms trainer deployed to Rhein-Main from the 49th Security Forces Squadron at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., demonstrates the proper firing position to Senior Airman Kristin Farmer, 469th Air Base Group Finance Office, during M-16 qualification.

200 Days of Progress!

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong
USAFE Commander

We can be incredibly proud of USAFE's accomplishments over the last six months. Chief Coleman and I are inspired by the intense mission focus and boundless enthusiasm demonstrated throughout the command, and we are encouraged by the progress at all levels.

At the strategic level, we focused on several major endeavors: development of a strategy for U.S. Air Forces in Europe for the next decade, reorganization of USAFE HQ, our theater engagement plan, and a measurement system to track our progress. The progress we make

today is shaping how we'll fight tomorrow. USAFE's strategic presence and unparalleled readiness are key enablers for our nation, and the thrust behind our Air Force strategy for Europe.

Based on national, joint, and USAF strategies and visions, our new strategic plan centers on four primary principles: our ability to influence global actions; readiness; theater engagement; and our ability to retain a leadership role in NATO.

Our efforts embody these principles and ensure our forces are ready to meet the challenges of the future.

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Keepin 'em fed

Airman 1st Class Carol Hysell, deployed to Rhein-Main from the 55th Services Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., gives Master Sgt. Fredrick Miller, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight and Capt. Kevin Wilkinson, 469th ABG Legal Office, (background) a brief on operations at the flight kitchen during a Combat Nighthawk visit Feb. 2. Combat Nighthawk is a program designed to develop leadership skills and increase operational awareness among company grade officers and senior NCOs throughout U.S. Air Forces in Europe. Twice a month, two-person teams visit various work areas on the nightshift at Rhein-Main.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Group recognizes Hidden Heroes

During a recent Team Rhein-Main meeting, Col. Bradley Denison, 469th Air Base Group Commander, recognized three members of the local community as Hidden Heroes.

The commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, created the special interest program Hidden Heroes to identify, recognize and encourage members at USAFE bases to serve as volunteers with base and community agencies.



Major Bell

Among the many services she vol-

The Hidden Heroes recognized by Colonel Denison included:

■ Maj. Rose Bell, 469th ABG Clinic –



unteers, Major Bell has taught free quilting classes, childbirth classes, breast cancer and female health related topic classes and nutrition classes.

■ Tech. Sgt. Harold Carnley – 469th ABG Security Forces Flight – Sergeant Carnley has provided positive youth development and fostered a safe, drug-free environment for children within the



Sergeant Carnley

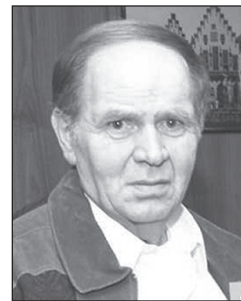
Rhein-Main community through volunteering with youth sports and other extra-curricular activities at the youth center.

■ Jakob Lehrian, USO volunteer – Among Mr. Lehrian's accomplishments are more than 2,650 volunteer hours in 2003.

The 64-year-old German native once worked a two-month stretch without taking a night off.

He also helps travelers with luggage, transportation and lodging needs and even gives some money for food or clothing.

To find out more about the Hidden Heroes program, call the family support center at 330-7992.



Mr. Lehrian

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We reorganized USAFE HQ by divesting it of those non-management HQ functions that had been attached — some 1,000 personnel / functions realigned from the strategic level to either the operational level or tactical level.

We also identified those functions that could be streamlined by using reach-back to CONUS services, resulting in a significant number of functions migrating back to parent commands or HQ Air Force. These actions permit our HQ to more clearly focus on its mission — to provide policy, oversight, and evaluations on command units.

As part of the reorganization, we converted our headquarters to an A-Staff. This structure more clearly aligns with our parent command — EUCOM, our subordinate warfighting headquarters — Air Forces Europe, and our sister services. This realignment postures us to function as a warfighting headquarters and permits cleaner lines of communication across the spectrum of functions accomplished by USAFE Headquarters.

While squaring away HQ, we established and formalized our theater engagement plan to support CDRUSEUCOM's vision of US military interaction with our allies and coalition partners. Execution of the plan resulted in USAFE / USAF assets visiting or operating in over 20 countries regarding several areas of interest for our air forces — safety, medical, operations, logistics, etc. An important part of this plan was the development of four engagement teams that are regionally focused and tailored to the appropriate topics of interest for the Air Forces of a particular region.

Lastly in the strategic realm, we developed and implemented a measurement system to determine whether USAFE is meeting its goals. This measurement system covers the spectrum of important functions within the command — readiness, quality of life, morale, and welfare. Each month we review our Combat and Special Interest Program metrics and some 23 other key indicators, covering everything from medical performance factors to mission capable rates. This system provides valuable insight into the health of the command and progress towards our goals.

We were equally as engaged at the operational level, as we made progress with our warfighting HQ, situational awareness, strategic footprint, and operational evaluation construct. We planned for, stood up, and certified a 24/7 warfighting

headquarters. Called Air Forces Europe, or AFEUR, its mission is to provide theater planning, sustainment, and execution in the Global War on Terrorism, contingencies, and daily operations.

As all of this was accomplished, over 550 USAFE HQ personnel were ear-tagged, and are in the process of being trained, to perform as part of a wartime construct for AFEUR. Eventually, AFEUR will assume the role and responsibilities currently performed by our Numbered Air Forces.

Situational awareness is a key aspect of AFEUR's mission. We improved operational SA across the command by giving our flying units the appropriate mechanisms to receive command-wide data relative to Air Tasking Order / asset utilization. In addition to providing USAFE this "Big ATO", we improved interoperability between the AFEUR Air and Space Operations Center and NATO. We dramatically increased our SA with access to key NATO C2 systems, including NATO's Recognized Air Picture and ATO generation tool.

On another front, USAFE reinforced the strategic footprint of the USAF's long-reach enablers by redistributing the leadership and C2 at RAF Fairford and Moron AB. These bases have been, and continue to be, very important in every recent contingency. Improving the C2 and robusting the leadership has had a direct impact at the operational level on the fight as these bases contribute to the broad operations in and across the EUCOM AOR.

As a final point, we conceived, developed, and

implemented a no-notice operational evaluation construct to measure and critique the readiness of units across the command for events associated with GWoT. Called Euro Thunder, this initiative provides immediate feedback to commanders about unit tactical and operational readiness to counter events relevant to terrorist attacks.

At the tactical level, we provided significant capabilities to several contingency operations, transitioned our aeromedical evacuation mission, established USAFE University, and made noteworthy progress on several key mission enablers. In the last six months alone, we flew over 2,100 combat sorties totaling over 9,300 combat hours in support of OIF/OEF, JTF Liberia, and Balkans operations.

We provided an aeromedical evacuation capability that moved over 5,200 OEF/OIF patients out of CENTCOM, and transported patients all over Europe. Our tactical airlift, tankers, fighters, and airmen, delivered airpower and



Photo by Master Sgt. John Lasky

Staff Sgt. Sean Riley, an electrical/environmental specialist in the 726th Air Mobility Squadron, inspects the inlets of a C-17.

A reason for everything

By Lt. Col. Dennis Kitterman
Rhein-Main Chapel

I firmly believe there is a reason for everything. In fact, you are at Rhein-Main for a reason.

God has carefully selected you and brought you here for a purpose. Some of you know your purpose, others aren't quite sure. You may have been chosen for a monumental task, or to learn something about yourself, or to help another person: whatever the reason you are here, it's according to God's great plan.

If God chose you to be at Rhein-Main right now, you must be special. There are opportunities and challenges, and God needs you here to make his plan work.

Sure, we are closing in less than two years, but between now and then our fast pace, high ops base is pressing on. We are anything but closed. We continue to be the hub of the Global War on Terrorism and everyone who contributes to the success of that mission is fulfilling God's will.

Everyday, we are doing an extraordinary job to ensure world peace and a safer place for our children and generations to come. And of course there are those who support our troops and their families by working on the base.

Our school teachers, our Army and Air Force Exchange Service and commissary employees, our youth center workers and the large number of employees at the services flight.

What an impact each person makes. Where would we be without schools, a commissary or base exchange – hard to imagine.

And then there are the volunteers. coaches, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

leaders, the USO, the chapel, the family support center, and the Rhein-Main Community Spouses Club – hats off to each person who volunteers because they make a difference in our community.

Although many people are involved in fulfilling God's plan here at Rhein-Main, there are some who have not found their niche. I say to them, "Opportunities abound!" God put you here for a reason and to find self-fulfillment you have to discover that reason.

God front-loaded Rhein-Main with opportunities and challenges so that everyone would have a chance to be fulfilled. There is no reason for anyone to sit at home and mope and complain about being at Rhein-Main.

To help you discover why God brought you here, let me give you five suggestions. You may find that one or more of them make a difference in your life and have a significant impact on the community.

1. Find a paying job. There are plenty of jobs at Rhein-Main. Working at the library, teaching school, the youth center, home day care, the commissary, BX, Rocket and Zeppelinhaus. There are more jobs here than any place I have ever been. Check with the services flight about job opportunities – they abound.

2. Become a Volunteer. Are you a "Hidden Hero?" A volunteer who donates time to make life better for others? If not – why not? There are volunteer positions as coaches, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts leaders, cheerleading sponsors, at the Thrift Shop, with community spouses, and the spring bazaar is right around the corner.

Volunteer at the chapel, youth center, family support center and USO.

3. Increase your education. There are

The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf.

If you have any questions, call the 469th ABG/PA office at 330-7804 or e-mail at Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil.

Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

330-7779

several ways to get involved with "Combat Education." Take courses offered by the education center, or online.

Travel to places that have cultural or historical significance. Perhaps a day trip to Heidelberg and its castle, or to Limburg,

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Warriors of the Week



Master Sgt. John Smith

Unit: Civil Engineer Flight**Time in service:** 18 years, 7 months**Time at Rhein-Main:** 11 months**Duty Title:** Assistant Chief of Ops and Readiness**Hometown:** Pascagoula, Miss.**Hobbies:** Letting the chief win in racquetball, playing sports and spending time with family**What has been your best AF experience?** The people, "I've met some winners and some losers."469th
Air
Base
Group
Civil
Engineer
Flight

George Beckford

Unit: Civil Engineer Flight**Time in service:** 26 years (13.5 on active-duty)**Time at Rhein-Main:** 3 years 5 months**Duty Title:** Housing Manager**Hometown:** Panama City, Panama**Hobbies:** Fishing and sports**What has been your best AF experience?** Coming to Europe after three stateside assignments and tours in Panama.

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Trier or Rotenberg. Take some leave and visit the great European battlefields where American history was forged: Normandy beach, Verdun, Bastogne, and just a few hours north of here is the famous bridge at Ramagen.

Or, walk in the steps of Martin Luther, the great Protestant reformer; Wittenberg, Worms, Eisenach and Coburg. And while you're in Wittenberg, go a little further to Berlin and stand beside the Berlin Wall and visit Checkpoint Charlie. See the remnants of the cold war and walk freely in what used to be the East. Oh sure you can read about all it in history books – but you are so close – just do it.

4. Visit Frankfurt. Less than six miles from us is one of the greatest cities in Europe and the best way to get there is by bike. Ride out the back gate and take a bike trail to Schwanheim. Go a little further to the Main River and catch another bike trail that takes you downtown. It's a great ride and not only will you become "Fit to Fight", but you will experience a great city. You will be amazed at the wonders you will see upon your trip.

5. Smile. Someone around you may be having a horrible day. Your smile may make all the difference in the world. A positive attitude is contagious!

God brought you to Rhein-Main for a reason – you are blessed. Don't let the time pass you by.

Seize the moment, capture the day, discover the reason God placed you at Rhein-Main.

Pentagon cancels
Internet voting

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department is deep-sixing an Internet voting program over concerns about security, a Pentagon spokeswoman said Feb. 6.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program, which aids Americans serving overseas in the voting process, will not use the SERVE system in November. The acronym stands for Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment.

"The department has decided not to use the SERVE program in the November elections because of our inability to ensure the legitimacy of the votes," the spokeswoman said.

The cancellation follows a report by four of the 10 computer security experts asked to test the system. Those four concluded the system did not ensure the legitimacy of votes. The report they issued said there were a number of ways that computer hackers could crack into the system.

Overseas voters can still vote by regular paper ballots, or via fax. The FVAP has more information on its Web site, and voters at Rhein-Main can contact the unit Voting Assistance Officer at 330-7992.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Airman of the Year

**Senior Airman
Jacob Kelecava,**
469th Air Base Group
Security Forces
Flight armorer

Airman Kelecava established a self-help program to renovate the security forces armory, saving more than \$12,000 and ensuring 100-percent item accountability.

He devoted 25 off-duty hours to install lights/code bars on eight squadron vehicles, saving more than \$6,000 and increasing security forces safety. He also developed contingency issue/turn-in procedures from 17,000 transient weapons for Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom personnel – an 800-percent increase in armory operations.

“Airman Kelecava’s motor is always going – I can’t get this guy to take a break,” said his supervisor, Staff Sgt. Samuel Nelson, 469th ABG Security Forces Flight. “His ingenuity and dedication to this unit has been an example for us all to follow.”

NCO of the Year

**Tech. Sgt.
Jason Eighmey,**
726th Air Mobility
Squadron
passenger service
shift supervisor

Sergeant Eighmey helped to set Air Mobility Command records with 3,717 passengers moved in a day, 52,041 in a month and more than 470,000 for the year – all with a 99.9-percent on-time rate.

He met and overcame the challenge of a 218-percent mission increase with no additional manpower. He also provided support for the largest Rest & Recuperation program since Vietnam.

“Sergeant Eighmey is my go-to guy during ‘third-and-long situations,’” said Capt. Justin Wellen, 726th AMS Air Terminal Manager. “He was handpicked for our toughest position – day-shift supervisor of the biggest and busiest passenger terminal in the DoD. This unshakable and stellar technical sergeant always puts in at least a 15-hour shift to ensure the smooth transportation of passengers.”

Category I Civilian of the Year

Sheryl Cooks
469th ABG
Communications
Flight

Mrs. Cooks ensured the timely delivery of 1.2 million pounds of mail to 1,278 lockboxes.

She also created a new lockbox service standard, reducing repair time by 35 percent.

Cooks assisted in the recruitment and training of 35 postal volunteers to ensure quick delivery of more than 35,000 lbs. of Christmas mail.

“Mrs. Cooks is an exceptional team player,” said Tech. Sgt. William Smith, base postmaster. “Manning in the post office has been austere – we have people deployed and we’ve been working extended hours and days far above normal requirements for a community this size. She has stepped up to the plate and has become fully qualified in every facet of postal duties giving me increased flexibility in personnel utilization decisions – she is definitely a ‘postal warrior.’”

2003 Annual Awards Banquet
Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany



Senior NCO of the Year

Master Sgt. Marino Duran III, 726th AMS operations superintendent

Sergeant Duran smoothed operations at Air Mobility Command's busiest passenger terminal – supporting 13,000 Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom missions.

He coordinated the short-notice reception of more than 1,000 noncombatant evacuees from Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Sergeant Duran also ensured the squadron's quality assurance evaluation program received its second consecutive "Outstanding" rating, noted as best in the Europe.

"Whether it is PCS passengers, originating OIF/OEF pax and cargo, or velocitizing AMC airlift, Master Sergeant Duran sees the big picture and finds ways of accomplishing the mission while at the same time looking out for his troops," said Capt. Justin Wellen, 726th AMS Air Terminal Manager.



CGO of the Year

1st Lt. Jeffrey Adams, 469th ABG Security Forces Flight chief

Lieutenant Adams was selected as the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Security Forces CGO of the Year for 2003.

He increased squadron manning from 82 percent to 99 percent, enabling the squadron to return to eight-hour shifts.

The lieutenant also initiated a quality-of-life upgrade for the squadron, receiving \$174,000 to move into a new facility. He was the first in USAFE to bed down German Air Force security personnel in support of increased force protection conditions. Lieutenant Adams graduated first in a class of 42 students at the Department of Defense Security School.

"Never before in my 18 years of service have I seen such a junior officer stand up to so many monumental challenges each day and be successful," said Lt. Col. Guy Parker, 469th ABG deputy commander.



Category II Civilian of the Year

Paul Molnar 469th ABG base transition officer/ host nation liaison

Mr. Molnar is the base commander's trusted advisor on FRAPORT, German authority and closure issues.

Mr. Molnar also worked closely with the FRAPORT to install a gate at the autobahn entry/exit which became invaluable during anti-war demonstrations.

"Paul's extensive working knowledge of the air base's operational history, infrastructure systems layout and condition, closure history and closure agreement terms and German authorities' capabilities at all levels repeatedly proves invaluable to our base's success," said Maj. Shawn Moore, 469th ABG Civil Engineer Flight commander. "He repeatedly champions our causes and requirements with outside agencies to sustain and protect the environments where we work, live, play and pray."



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services whenever, wherever needed.

Seamless to our contingency operations, in September of 2003 we successfully transitioned AE from a single-role airframe, the C-9 Nightingale, to the use of multi-role airframes. Within EUCOM our C-21s successfully took over 24/7 alert coverage for intra-theater movement of emergent patients. We accomplished other AE missions via a combination of C-21s, C-130s, opportune airlift, civilian air ambulances, and creative solutions.

Creative solutions also helped us make remarkable progress with our Combat and Special Interest Programs, and other efforts. Results clearly indicate the command is focused and energized on key mission enablers: readiness, force development, services, and quality of life.

Four programs contributed to improvements in our readiness. As an example, Combat Flightline reduced the number of maintenance personnel working outside of their core duties by returning almost 40 airmen back to maintenance production, in addition to other flightline initiatives.

USAFE HQ's generals, colonels, and chiefs (and selects) were among the first in the command to taxi to the test ramp under our new AF Fitness testing guidelines. Thanks to Combat Fitness, they set the standard with an average score of 86 percent. Combat Care is gaining momentum to improve the care, attention, and information flow to spouses and family members affected by deployments, and to personnel deployed to USAFE.

Lastly, we just initiated Project SMART (Smartly Managing Awareness, Risk, and Threats) to embed a safety culture and to



Photo by Master Sgt. John Lasky

Staff Sgt. David Reyes, 435th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Ramstein, prepares a section of the Berlin Wall for shipment from Rhein-Main to Ramstein Wednesday. The wall was moved in preparation of the closing of Rhein-Main in 2005.

help us manage our awareness of risk, actively combat the threats we face, and act smartly when we see something that needs to be fixed.

Improving services, like readiness, is more than just an enabler — it's one of USAFE's three primary goals. Our progress in this area is significant and far reaching. Over 700 targeted service professionals graduated from Customer College since its inception. The seeds are planted and improved customer service is already noticeable throughout the command. Combat Education initiatives are removing barriers to education — throughout USAFE nearly 50 percent of all college courses are now taught during non-standard times, and nearly 15 percent of all classes are offered outside traditional classroom locations.

Project Wizard helped our libraries reach out to stock reading materials you desire, redirect their programs, and improve their services. We have over 2,500 registered volunteers with Hidden Heroes who logged in over 14,000 hours of service.

Combat Intro / Exit streamlined requirements to minimize PCS stress and frustration. We reduced the number of inprocessing stops to three at all USAFE bases — down from as many as 15 stops at some locations. We are also on line with Virtual Outprocessing, which reduced the number of required outprocessing stops to an average of five per base.

Finally, we responded to the need to improve the process for obtaining a US Forces Driver's License in Germany. We engaged USAREUR to revise the driver license test, simplify study materials, and improve testing procedures — they responded. While all of this gets ironed out,



Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

Tara Boyce, wife of Staff Sgt. Douglas Boyce, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, prepares 16-month-old Douglas Boyce III for an examination by Maj. (Dr.) James Frost, 469th Air Base Group Clinic.

commanders may now grant PCSing service members a waiver letter, allowing them to obtain a 30-day temporary license to ease in-processing and house hunting.

We are moving forward with two force development programs to provide professional growth via hands-on experience and one-on-one mentorship. All USAFE main operating bases executed daily Combat Nighthawk sorties, and we're on track to reach 15 percent of the command's CGOs and 15 percent of our Senior NCOs each quarter — breaking them out of their functional stovepipes to learn about unfamiliar elements of Air Force operations.

Project Connect is our newest program designed to provide a forum for senior officer mentors to counsel and enhance the individual professional development of junior officer protégés on a one-on-one basis.

Also in the spirit of force development, we created USAFE University — a first-of-its-kind entity chartered to oversee all education and training programs and processes within the command — encompassing over 550 courses. A Board of Trustees, composed of HQ USAFE Directors, will advise the University President on command-level education and training issues. The Director of Personnel and Command Chief Master Sergeant will serve as Vice Presidents, and the Provost,



Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

Gefreiterers Henning Nolle (foreground) and Felix Weber, Panzergrenadier Battalion 192 from Ahlen, Germany, check for proper identification of personnel entering the main gate of Rhein-Main. The German Bundeswehr has provided security at Rhein-Main since February of 2003.

the Chief of Education and Training, will be our belly button for all education and training issues within the command.

On a final note, we enhanced quality of life in numerous areas. Project CHEER provided 455 high-energy events serving over 46,000 airmen throughout the command during November and December alone.

The Power Plant Project is a maturing initiative designed by airmen, for airmen. This concept is a welcomed opportunity for our younger airmen throughout the command to get involved and help establish facilities with programs and activities they want.

Under Combat Touch, our Chaplains initiated over 67 programs, including 13 new flightline / work center offices / prayer spaces, and two coffee houses to reach the troops. Combat Proud changed the way we look at things and strengthened our commitment to improve our command's appearance. While hard to quantify, it is easy to notice progress. Keep it up — outstanding achievement in facility pride-in-ownership will be recognized with cash awards during our upcoming Combat Proud competitions.

Chief Coleman and I ask that you stay engaged in these programs . . . they are based on enduring principles and help us stay energized and focused on increasing readiness, taking care of our people, and accomplishing the mission in an organized and effective way.

Considering what we accomplished together in just the past 200 days, it is easy to understand why our enemies lose sleep at night.



Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

Senior Master Sgt. Tony Levine, a Reservist deployed to Rhein-Main, gives a C-17 crew an intelligence brief prior to their mission launch. The brief is essential to the crew's ability to safely operate downrange.

Rhein-Main blotter

compiled by Staff Sgt. Mark Long



Jan. 22 — An airman from the 726th Air Mobility Squadron called the law enforcement desk to report a government computer containing what he believed to be pornographic files. The security forces investigator responded and confirmed what the airman had discovered. The computer was confiscated pending an investigation.

Jan. 22 — A master sergeant from the 726th AMS reported two unknown males were in her room at contingency lodging while she was asleep. Patrols made contact with the master sergeant and received a description of the two individuals. A sweep of the building was conducted and two individuals meeting the description were found. The master sergeant positively identified the individuals and they were apprehended.

Jan. 23 — IHS security officials reported an individual who turned in a small handgun before going through security at the passenger terminal. Patrols responded and took the person into custody. The weapon was seized and a search of the person uncovered 10 tear gas pellets.

Jan. 25 — IHS security requested medical personnel to respond to the main gate for an individual identified as an Army specialist assigned to Kitzingen Barracks. A patrol arrived on scene to find the specialist bleeding from the nose and

forehead and unable to walk. The specialist said he was leaving a bar in Frankfurt when unknown persons jumped him. First aid was given and the specialist was transported to the University Clinic.

Jan. 26 — Darmstadt military police and Polizei notified the law enforcement desk to say they were looking for a staff sergeant assigned to the 726th AMS in reference to an accident. Patrols made contact and advised the staff sergeant of her rights for violation of Article 111, Driving under the Influence and Article 134, Fleeing the scene of an accident. The staff sergeant refused to make a statement and was released to her first sergeant.

Jan. 26 — A sergeant from the 64th Replacement Company reported he had three individuals who missed their movement to their duty station and had disobeyed a lawful order. The individuals said they were at the base exchange when their bus left for their duty station and boarded the next one leaving the base, only to find out it was going to downtown Frankfurt. The individuals were charged accordingly.

Jan. 28 — A civilian worker assigned to Pacific Architects and Engineers reported that an unknown individual grabbed her breast and walked off at the passenger terminal. Patrols responded and inter-

viewed the victim along with a witness, gathering a full description of the suspect. Patrols searched the terminal and detained a Army private first class assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group. The victim and witness identified the private as the perpetrator. The private was apprehended and charged with indecent assault.

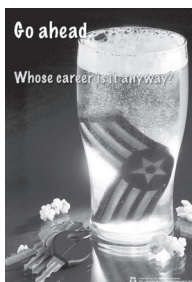
Jan. 30 — A patrol reported that during an exterior building check of the base exchange they found a vehicle left unattended with the motor running and two small children inside. The patrol waited next to the vehicle until the owner, an airman assigned to the 469th Air Base Group, returned. The airman was detained for child neglect.

Jan. 31 — A staff sergeant from the 469th ABG reported two individuals fighting outside the Rocket Sports Lounge. During the fight the two broke the glass door to the building. Patrols responded and separated the two individuals later identified as a sergeant and private from the 3rd Special Forces Group. The sergeant and private were charged and released to their officer in charge.

Feb. 2 — A PAE worker found three rifles, brown in color with wooden stocks, rusted barrels and engraved with Arabic writing behind the television in the dayroom of Bldg. 350/contingency lodging. He released the rifles to security forces, who turned them over to the 560th Military Police Customs for safekeeping.

DUI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)



469th Air Base Group

No DUIs in 2004

726th Air Mobility Squadron

22 days

64th Replacement Company

No DUIs in 2004

Tenant Units

No DUIs in 2004

Others

35 days

The 469th Air Base Group Top

IV provides a fund at the main gate for personnel who have been drinking and take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated. The money used must be reimbursed.

Group fun

More than 20 runners took part in the 469th Air Base Group Services Flight Heart-to-Heart 5K run Feb. 12 at the fitness center in celebration of Valentine's Day. Keith Oswald, fitness center staff, led the formation of runners through the base 5K course to build unity among base members as they strive to increase their physical fitness levels as part of the "Fit To Fight" program. For more information on future events, call the fitness center at 330-7151.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

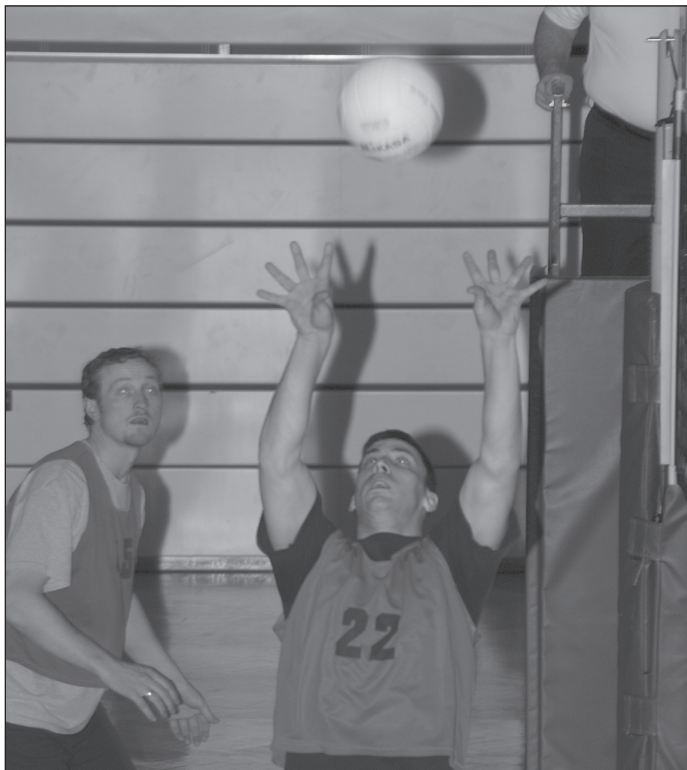


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It's a setup

Trey Walker, 469th Air Base Group, sets the ball as Derrick Day runs a decoy in intramural volleyball action Wednesday at the fitness center. The 469th ABG defeated the 64th Replacement Company 25-15 and 25-20.

Sports Briefs

Youth basketball

Following are Rhein-Main youth basketball results from Feb. 7:

The Rhein-Main Juniors defeated Giessen 33-29 at the fitness center.

The Bantam A Team lost a heartbreaker 20-18 to the Wiesbaden Magic.

The Bantam B Team defeated the Wiesbaden Gold 15-14.

On TV

Following is a list of highlighted sports scheduled to appear on the American Forces Network. Times and events are subject to change.

For the most up-to-date information, check the AFN Website at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

Saturday

4:30 a.m. – Philadelphia 76ers @ L.A. Lakers (live)
AFN Sports

1 p.m. – Sixers @ Lakers (tape delay) AFN Sports

6:30 p.m. – NASCAR Busch Series: Rockingham
200 from North Carolina Speedway (live) AFN Sports

Sunday

1 p.m. – Alabama @ Mississippi State – NCAA men's basketball (tape delay) AFN-Atlantic

7 p.m. – NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Subway
400 from North Carolina Speedway (live)
AFN-Atlantic

Cooking class

The family support center offers a German cooking class from 3 - 5 p.m. Monday at "Our House."

Call 330/699-7992 for more information or to sign up.

German culture

The family support center offers a German culture class from 7 - 9 p.m. Tuesday in the FSC classroom in Bldg. 347.

Robert Emmerth presents the first in a six-week series of classes covering history, politics, transportation, culture and more.

Participants can attend one session or all six. There is also a culture trip scheduled for the end of the series.

Call 330/699-7992 for more information or to sign up.

Survival German

The family support center offers a survival German class from 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at "Our House."

The class covers basics for getting around in Germany. Topics include cooking, shopping, dining out, directions, counting and telling time.

Chapel Worship

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass takes place at 9 a.m. every Sunday. CCD classes are offered every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Daily Masses are offered Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

Penance - 8-8:30 a.m. Sunday or by appointment

■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

For more information please call the chapel at 330-7501.

Contact the FSC at 330-7992 to sign up.

Start investing

The family support center offers a Beginning Investments Class from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Wednesday at "Our House."

The class covers options available to beginning and small investors.

Call 330/699-7992 for more information or to sign up.

Supersize finances

The family support center and legal office combine to offer a Supersize Your Finances seminar set for 10 - 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Zeppelinhaus.

The class covers paying off Christmas debts, credit card debts, investments, the Thrift Savings Plan and tips on saving money in Germany.

Call the FSC at 330-7992 to sign-up.

Sign-up deadline

The deadline to sign up for February's Give Parents A Break program is Wednesday. The program is set for 6 - 9 p.m. Feb. 27.

The program, designed to provide help for families with young children, is held the last Friday of each month. It's open for children from six weeks to 12 years.

Referrals are made through commanders, first sergeants, chapel, clinic, family advocacy, FSC or the child development center. Availability is limited.

Contact the CDC at 330-7017 or the FSC at 330-7992 for more information.

STAP deadline

Air Force Spouse Tuition Assistance Program applications are due before March 4 for Term IV college classes beginning in March.

Applications are available at the family support and education centers in Bldg. 347.

Term V STAP applications will be due May 3-14 for summer classes. For more information call 330-7484 or 330-7992.

Time for Tots

Time for Tots is a free, parent-run play

Movies at Rhein-Main

Tonight - "Torque," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Saturday - "The Haunted Mansion," (PG), 5 p.m., and "Honey," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - "Love Don't Cost a Thing," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Wednesday - "Barbershop: Back in Business," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

Feb. 27 - "The Last Samurai," (R), 7 p.m.

Feb. 28 - "Stuck on You," (PG-13), 5 p.m. and "The Butterfly Effect," (R), 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 29 - "Scary Movie 3," (R), 7 p.m.

March 3 - "To Be Announced," 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

group for kids five and under. It is a great way to have your child interact with others, and it is a great way to meet other parents.

New groups are forming now. Call 330-7992 to find out winter group times.

Volunteers needed

The annual Rhein-Main Bazaar is set for May 14-16.

Organizers are currently looking for volunteers to help set up what could be the finale for this long-standing event.

For more information, call 6500-6670 or 330-8084.

Red Cross class

A Red Cross-certified babysitting class is set for 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 28 at "Our House."

The class covers CPR and numerous other emergency response techniques. It's a requirement for anyone babysitting in military housing.

Call 330-7992 for more information or to sign-up.